

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of operating a gas turbine engine which is operable at both at idle and at cruise speeds and which powers an aircraft, said engine having a lubrication sump which contains at least one rotating bearing and which vents air through a vent which produces an exit pressure at the exit of the vent, the method comprising:

- a) running the engine at idle;
- b) maintaining an eductor in fluid communication with said vent, which eductor:
 - i) reduces pressure in said vent when actuated, and
 - ii) includes a flow restrictor downstream of said vent; and
- c) actuating said eductor during idle operation, so as to reduce said exit pressure.

2. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein the actuating of paragraph (c) comprises ducting a compressor discharge bleed to a nozzle of the eductor.

3. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) terminating the reduction of exit pressure when flow through the vent exceeds a floor.

4 . (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) raising speed of the engine; and
e) terminating the reduction of exit pressure.

5-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1 , and further comprising:
d) maintaining the eductor in a de-actuated state at cruise speed.

22. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein the flow restrictor is within the a mixing throat of the eductor.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~23~~, and further comprising:
e) d) operating the engine at a cruise speed and ~~during cruise operation~~, using the flow restrictor to reduce flow through the vent below that which would occur in the absence of the flow restrictor.

25. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) using the eductor to maintain fluid flow through the vent above a predetermined minimum, said fluid flow being accompanied by said reducing of pressure.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 4, and further comprising:
f) at cruise speeds, restricting flow through said vent.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).